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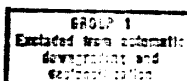
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Service Division, OER

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ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, OER
FROM : Chief, CIA/FID (NPIC)
SUBJECT : A Comparative Study on the Construction Status of the
Tsinhai-Tibet Railroad.
REFERENCES : (1) OER Requirement No. C-HR3-80,638
(2) CIA/FID Project No. C 1373/65

1. A single-track standard-gauge railroad line is in operation from Haining to the Hsing-Lung-Chung unidentified complex at 36 55N - 100 51E. Construction work on a rail spur, which when completed would have connected the main line with Koko Nor, was observed. This construction work, which was apparently abandoned several years ago, began at the main line south and east of the plant and continued to the northeast shore of the lake at 36 48N - 100 50E. The enclosed annotated map CIA/FID/IB-P-1034/64 delineates this construction work. Old railroad construction scars are visible along the northern shore of Koko Nor and again south of Gashun (37 23N - 95 51E). Comparative photography indicates that construction work on this project has probably been abandoned.

2. The alignment and general condition of the road from Haining through Tsinhai to Trechitra and south to Golmo are shown on the enclosed annotated maps CIA/FID/IB-P-1034/64 and P-1035/64. The route around the southern shore of the lake from Hsing-yuan through Tung-Tieh-he is a better road than the one circumventing the lake to the north. All the streams on the southern route are bridged, the roadbed is two lanes wide, and the surfaced is improved and graded.

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3. The photo analyst assigned to this project was [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2546 should questions arise concerning this project. This memorandum completes this requirement.



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Enclosures:
2 Annotated Maps
(CIA/FID/IB-P-1034/64 and P-1035/64)

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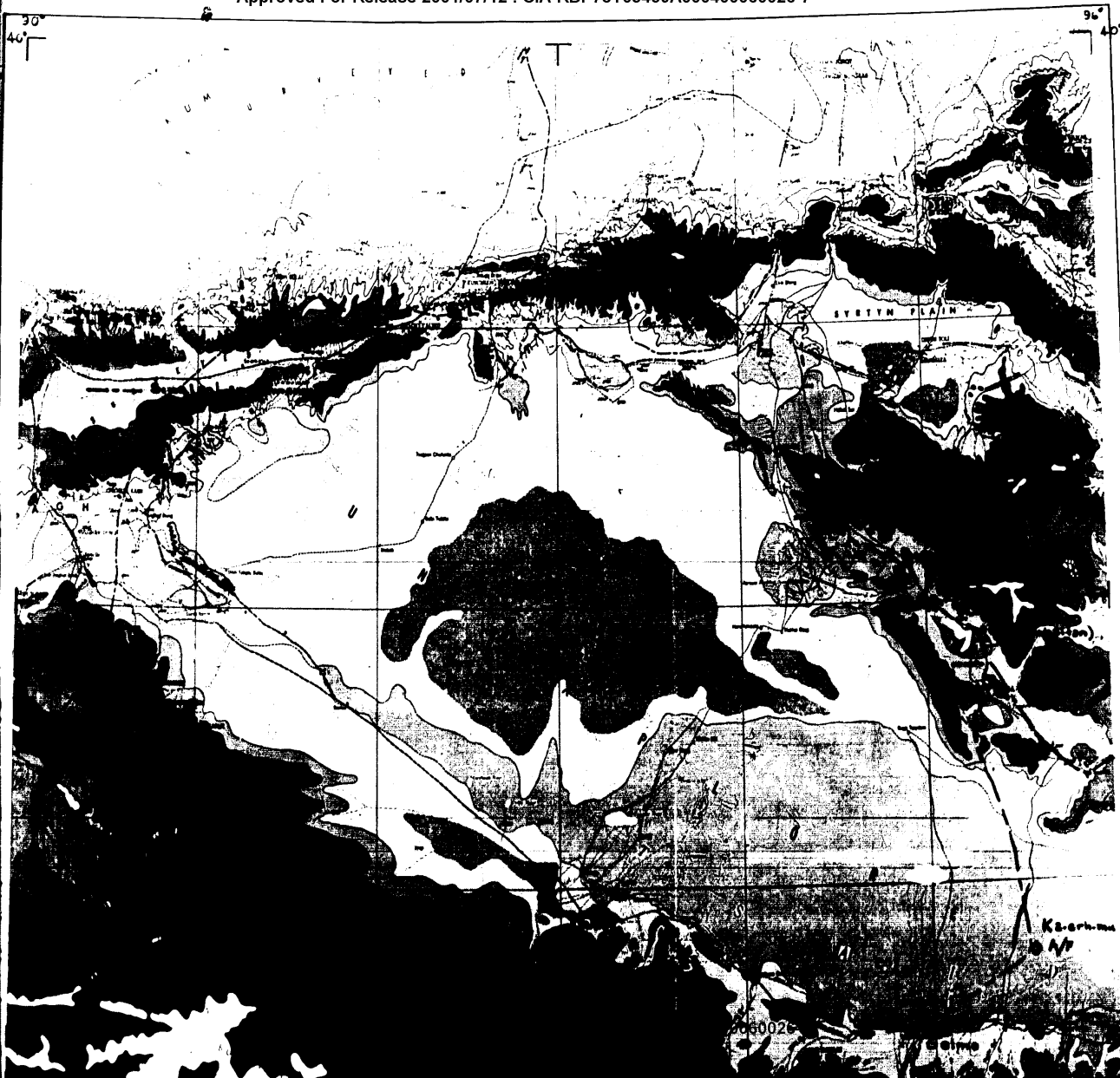
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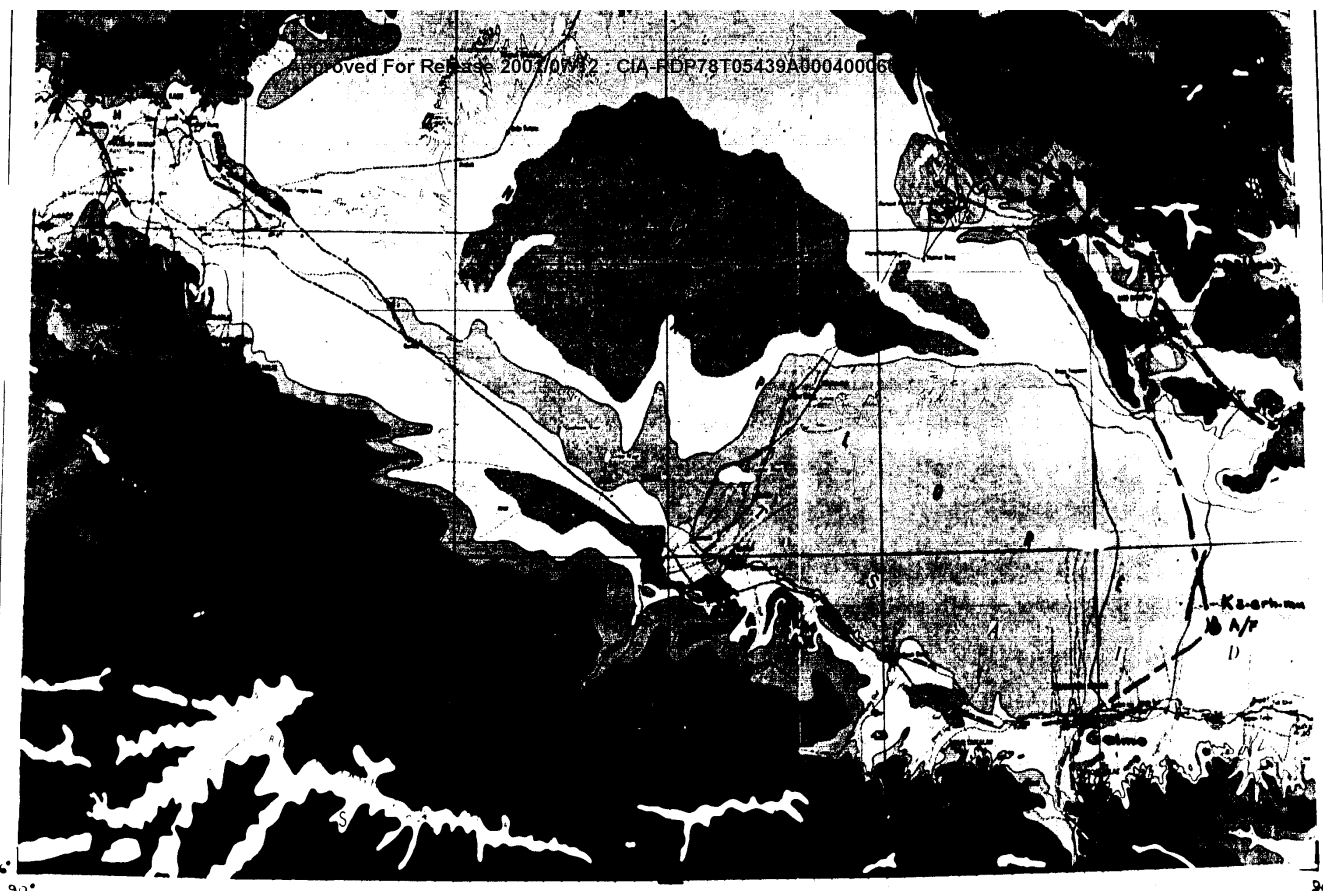
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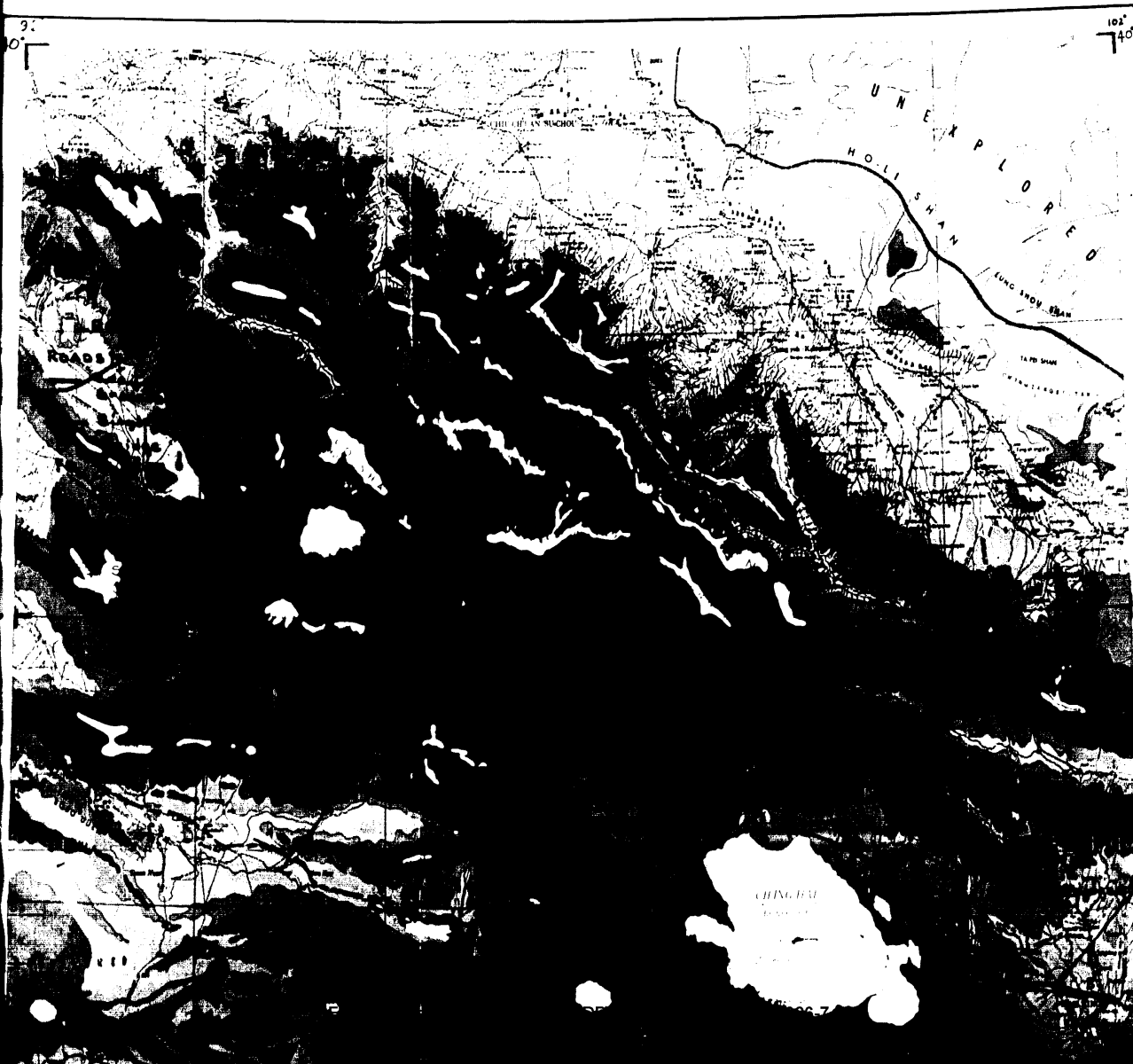
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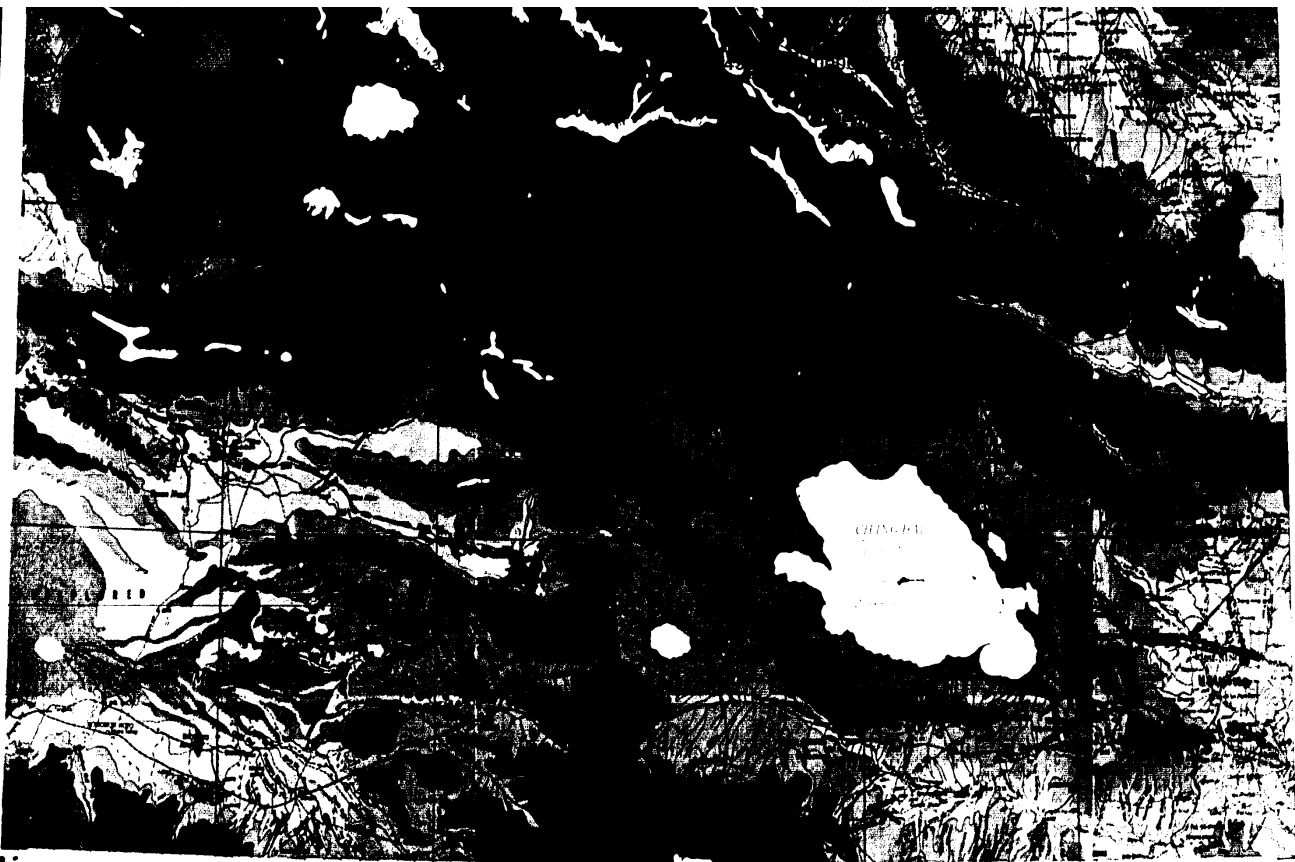
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